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90 Students At Penn Stage Peace Sit-In

Job recruiting by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Dow Chemical Co. was hampered yesterday by about 90 student demonstrators at the University of Pennsylvania who staged a sitin at Logan Hall.

Only a few students were able to climb over the demonstrators and get into the rooms used by the interviewers in the building at 36th and Spruce sts.

The CIA and Dow were among about 20 firms and agencies interviewing prospective job applicants in Logan Hall as part of a long-standing university practice.

Punishment Weighed

University officials took matriculation cards from some of the demonstrators. A committee on discipline, composed of administration and faculty, was scheduled to meet later today to decide on possible punishment.

The demonstrators said they oppose the CIA for its counter-revolutionary activities around the world and Dow Chemical because it makes napalm used in the Vietnam war.

Napalm is a flammable jellied gasoline that is dropped on enemy installations and troops by aircraft.

Sit in Hallway

The demonstrators sat in the hallway outside the two rooms and some crowded into the room occupied by the Dow interviewer. No one got into the CIA room because Charles Beck, the interviewer, kept the door locked until a prospective applicant showed up.

Both the Dow and CIA interviewers said they would be back for more scheduled interviews.

The Vietnam Week Committee, which sponsored the sitin, agreed at a meeting last night to "put our energies toward an educational forum aimed at finding out the facts and hashing out opinion on the university's involvement in the effort — specifically the problem of recruitment."

Forum on Monday

Joshua Markel, 20, a senior and architecture major who is vice chairman of the committee, said the forum will be held sometime Monday in Irvine Auditorium, 34th and Spruce sts.

He said the forum also will discuss how the university "should relate to the war effort from the administration point of view and the students' point of view."

Arthur Lechter, director of placement at Penn, said the main effect of the sitin was to increase the amount of interest in CIA and Dow Chemical among students.

The Dow representative issued a statement which said:

"The United States is involved in Vietnam and as long as we are involved we believe in fulfilling our responsibility in this national commitment of a democratic society. We respect the right of people to protest peacefully against an action with which they disagree. However, our company has made the decision to continue to produce napalm and other materials as long as they are needed by our government."

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